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**Remarks/Arguments**

**35 U.S.C. 102**

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,400,702 to Meier.

In accordance with IEEE 802.11, a basic service set or WLAN can have only one access point. The instant invention uses a bridge device to provide access to other networks so that a basic service set can act as a backbone for connecting to other networks and still comply with IEEE 802.11.

The cited U.S. patent to Meier shows, in Figure 9, multiple access points 431, 433, 435, and wireless access point 425. It is clear that network 421 is not compliant with IEEE 802.11.

In order to more clearly define the invention, Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly distinguish from the cited reference to Meier. Nowhere does Meier show or suggest:

"said centralized wireless network comprising:

only one access point device, other than the bridge device,  
adapted to manage the centralized wireless network",

as specifically recited in Claim 1, as amended. Rather, Meier teaches multiple access points, and is therefore not compliant with IEEE 802.11.

**35 U.S.C. 103(a)**

Claims 3-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as unpatentable over Meier and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,570,366 to Baker et al. Baker et al., shows in Figures 3 and 4, several networks. Only the two networks at the bottom of Figures 3 and 4 have access points. The other networks use only bridge devices. It is therefore clear that nowhere do Baker et al. show or suggest:

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"said centralized wireless network comprising:

only one access point device, other than the bridge device,  
adapted to manage the centralized wireless network",

as specifically recited in Claim 1, as amended. It is therefore clear that even if the teachings of Baker et al were to be combined with the teachings of Meier, the instant invention would not be obtained, since neither reference teaches nor suggests:

"said centralized wireless network comprising:

only one access point device, other than the bridge device,  
adapted to manage the centralized wireless network",

as recited in Claim 1.

Claims 2-9 are dependent from Claim 1 and add further advantageous features. These subclaims are submitted to be patentable as their parent Claim 1.

The Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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